

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant appreciates Examiner Shang's participation in a telephonic conference of November 17, 2009. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Shang for his time and consideration.

During the interview, the claimed subject matter of the application and the Shoff reference were discussed. In particular, Applicant presented arguments along the lines of those set forth below in the section entitled "Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103". Specifically, Applicant presented arguments as to how the subject matter in the reference fails to disclose features in the claims.

Also discussed during the interview were proposed amendments to the claims. In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant proposes to amend the independent claims to further clarify features of Applicant's claimed subject matter. Applicant appreciates Examiner Shang's assistance with expediting prosecution.

Applicant understands that Examiner Shang tentatively agrees that the proposed amendments overcome the outstanding rejections based on Shoff and Hirata. The Examiner indicates that an updated search would be needed, and requests that the proposed amendments be presented in writing. Applicant submits the amendments in writing in this Response to the Office Action and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.